GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Guntur District - Sri B. Ramarao, former VRO, Turakapalem H/o Akurajupalli Village Secretariat of Machavaram Mandal, Guntur District - Violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.95 **Dated.07.02.2022.**

Read:-

G.O.Rt.No.708, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dt:08.11.2021

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri B. Ramarao, former VRO, Turakapalem H/o Akurajupalli Village Secretariat of Machavaram Mandal, Guntur District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure–I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure - III & IV).

3. B. Ramarao, VRO is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. B. Ramarao, VRO is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. B. Ramarao, VRO is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para–3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri B. Ramarao, former VRO, Turakapalem H/o Akurajupalli Village Secretariat of Machavaram Mandal, Guntur District is invited to Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri B. Ramarao, former VRO, Turakapalem H/o Akurajupalli Village Secretariat of Machavaram Mandal, Guntur District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD (FAC)
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B. Ramarao, former VRO, Turakapalem H/o Akurajupalli Village Secretariat of Machavaram Mandal, Guntur District through the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur.

Copy to:
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur.
Sf/Sc.

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ANNEXURE - I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. RAMARAO, FORMER VRO, TURAKAPALEM H/O AKURAJUPALLI VILLAGE SECRETARIAT OF MACHAVARAM MANDAL AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER(GRADE-II), PRATHIPADU-I VILLAGE SECRETARIAT OF PRATHIPADU MANDAL.

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE-I : That the said Sri B. Ramarao, former VRO, Turakapalem H/o Akurajupalli village secretariat of Machavaram Mandal and presently working as Village Revenue Officer(Grade-II), Prathipadu-I Village secretariat of Prathipadu Mandal, being a responsible Government Servant has derelicted his official duties by making recommendations in favour of ineligible persons and caused for irregular mutations/corrections of 36 records in the webland adangal to an extent of Ac. 62.81 Cents in Akurajupalli Village of Machavaram Mandal. Thus, he failed to discharge his legitimate duties and violated Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE-II: That the said Sri B. Ramarao, former VRO, Turakapalem H/o Akurajupalli village secretariat of Machavaram Mandal and presently working as Village Revenue Officer(Grade-II), Prathipadu-I Village secretariat of Prathipadu Mandal, being a responsible Government Servant has derelicted his official duties by making recommendations in favour of ineligible persons and caused for irregular mutations/corrections in the webland Adangal for the Government and Dotted lands in Akurajupalli Village of Machavaram Mandal. Thus, he failed to discharge his legitimate duties and violated Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964

ARTICLE OF CHARGE-III: That the said Sri B. Ramarao, former VRO, Turakapalem H/o Akurajupalli village secretariat of Machavaram Mandal and presently working as Village Revenue Officer(Grade-II), Prathipadu-I Village secretariat of Prathipadu Mandal, being a responsible Government Servant has derelicted his official duties by making recommendations for adding new Survey nos in the webland Adangal which were not existing in the Re-settlement Register of Akurajupalli Village of Machavaram Mandal. Thus, he failed to discharge his legitimate duties and violated Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964

BASIS OF CHARGES:

1. Adverse News Item published in Main Edition of Eenadu Daily newspaper dated 14.9.2021
2. Tahsildar, Machavaram Rc.No. 125/2021-B, dtd. 15.09.2021
3. Spl. Collector (LA), Dr. K.L. Rao Sagar (Pulichintala) Project, Guntur Rc.No. 36/2021-A, dtd. 24.09.2021

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. RAMARAO, FORMER VRO, TURAKAPALEM H/O AKURAJUPALLI VILLAGE SECRETARIAT OF MACHAVARAM MANDAL AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER(GRADE-II), PRATHIPADU-I VILLAGE SECRETARIAT OF PRATHIPADU MANDAL.

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An adverse news item under the caption "ఆన్లైన్ నందు భూమాయ" was published in the Main Edition of Eenadu Daily newspaper dated 14.9.2021, alleging that the then Tahsildar, Machavaram Mandal has carried out mutation of assigned lands in Pillutla, Tadutla, Akurajapalli, Vemavaram, Pinnelli & Chennayapalem Villages of Machavaram Mandal irregularly without any enquiry reports or files.

The Collector & District Magistrate vide Rc.No.2356/2021-D2, dtd. 15.09.2021, has appointed the Special Collector (L.A.), Dr. K.L. Rao Sagar (Pulichintala) Project, Guntur as Enquiry officer and directed to conduct enquiry on the above issue and to submit the report immediately.

The Spl. Collector, Dr. K.L. Rao Sagar (Pulichintala) Project, Guntur vide Rc.No. 36/2021-A, dated 24.09.2021 has submitted his enquiry report in the matter. The Enquiry Officer has stated that he conducted Enquiry at O/o Tahsildar, Machavaram on 22.9.2021 on the news item published on 14.9.2021 in the Eenadu Main Edition with regard to the villages of Pillutla, Tadutla, Akurajapalli, Vemavaram village of Machavaram Mandal. The present Tahsildar, Machavaram, Mandal Revenue Inspector and Village Revenue Officers of Pillutla, Tadutla, Akurajapalli, Vemavaram, Pinnelli & Chennayapalem have attended the enquiry. The previous Tahsildar, who retired on 31.05.2021 also attended for the Enquiry. The report of the enquiry officer reveals the following:

The present Tahsildar Machavaram, Sri K.Pullarao has assumed charge as Tahsildar, Machavaram on 16.7.2021. As per the statement given by the present Tahsildar, there are no Physical files available in respect of Pillutla, Tadutla, Akurajapalli, Vemavaram, Pinnelli & Chennayapalem villages in which mutations were carried out irregularly in online web land with Digital Signature of Sri G. Levi, former Tahsildar, Machavaram Mandal. Sri G. Levi, Tahsildar while working as Tahsildar, Dachepalli was also kept full additional charge to the post of Tahsildar, Machavaram for the period from 01.02.2021 to 31.05.2021 and he was retired on 31.5.2021. Further Sri K. Narasimha Rao worked as Tahsildar (FAC), Machavaram from 01.06.2021 to 12.7.2021.

The Enquiry Officer has stated that he enquired the following VRO's and recorded their statements.

1. G. Koteswara Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Pillutla (In-charge) and Morjampadu Village.
2. T. Lakshmi Narayana, Village Revenue Officer, Tadutla village (I/C), and Chennayapalem.
3. B. Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Akurajapalli Village.
4. Sk.Abdul Nabi Village Revenue Officer, Vemavaram village.
5. M. Pullaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Pinnelli village.

The above Village Revenue Officers have given their statements that, they have not recommended for alleged mutation took place in their villages. They stated that the 1. The then Tahsildar, Machavaram; 2. Sri K. Anvesh Kumar working as Computer Operator O/o Tahsildar, Machavaram and 3. M. Vijaya Raju, Election Computer Operator O/o Tahsildar, Machavaram are the responsible for all the mutations / Corrections in the web land.

The Enquiry Officer further reported that Sri G, Levi, Retired Tahsildar has deposed before the EO., that due to lack of Computer Knowledge, the Village Revenue Officers and the then Computer operator's K. Anvesh Kumar and Vijay Raju have done Online Digital Signature in web land. Further the Sri G. Levi, Retired

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Tahsildar stated that the computer operator Sri K. Anvesh, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector (deceased) namely Sri Sk. Baji have done the irregular entries in web land. Due to lack of Computer Knowledge, the computer operators and concerned VROs are taking an advantage and carried out the mutations in the web land Online.

The Enquiry Officer further reported that, he verified the Village RSR and Adangals of Pillutla, Tadutla, Akurajapalli, Vemavaram, Pinnelli and Chennayapalem villages of Machavaram Mandal and with webland mutation history which was taken from NIC, Guntur from 01.3.2021 to 12.07.2021. On verification of the webland, it was noticed that mutation/Adangal Corrections were carried out in online webland in favour of ineligible persons in many of the survey numbers without maintaining any Physical files/ Records for the subject mutations.

The Survey Numbers which were not in RSR of the concerned village were irregularly entered in online web land through mutations/Corrections without maintenance of any physical files / Records. PPBs were also issued to the ineligible persons. This is one of the major irregularities committed by the then Tahsildar, VRO's & Computer operators. Irregular Mutations/ Corrections were carried out even in Survey Numbers of Government lands and Dotted Lands of the said villages in webland without maintenance of any files / Records. Irregular Mutations/ Corrections were carried out in the Survey Numbers of UAW, AW and other Govt. poramboke lands also in online webLand without any files / Records.

The Enquiry Officer has reported that the following irregular mutations were took place in the villages of Machavaram Mandal.

Sl. No	Name of the Village Revenue Officer	Name of the Village	Total No of Records Mutated in web land	Total Extent Mutated in Acs
1	G. Koteswararao	Pillutla	24	26.39
2	T. Lakshmi Narayana	Tadutla	61	159.45
3		Chennayapalem	4	2.00
4	Sk. Abdul nabi	Vemavaram	55	163.99
5	M. Pullaiah	Pinnelli	13	42.89
6	B. Ramarao	Akurajupalli	36	62.81
Total			**193**	**457.53**

The Enquiry Officer further reported that, he enquired with the VRO of Pinnelli village of Machavaram Mandal and he stated that, the computer operators made corrections and updated the names of the family members of Sri Vijaya Raju which is one of the major of irregularity. Hence both the computer operators are responsible for this lapse for which the details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the person	Khatha No	Sy. No.	Extant	Remarks
1.	Markampudi Vijaya Raju	2396	336-B1	1.00	Pillutla
2.	Markampudi Santosham	2505	336-B1	1.00	Pillutla
3.	Markampudi Bhagyamma	2506	336-B1	1.00	Pillutla
4.	Markampudi Vijaya Raju	2396	524-3	0.025	Pillutla
5.	Markampudi China Basavaiah	2580	524-3	0.50	Pillutla
6.	Markampudi Bala Krishna	2708	524-3	0.025	Pillutla
7.	Markampudi China Basavaiah	2580	625-B	1.00	Pillutla
8.	Markampudi China Basavaiah	2580	896/A	1.26	Pillutla
9.	Markampudi Vijaya Raju	2396	1255/18-3B	0.40	Pillutla
10.	Markampudi Bhagyamma	2877	464/15-1	4.88	Akurajupalli
11.	Chilaka Venkata Bharat S/o.Venkata Prabhakara rao	3599	404/35	2.42	Vemavaram

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12.	Chilaka Venkata Prabhakara Rao, S/o Venkateswarlu	2625	336	3.00	Pillutla
13.	Chilaka Venkata Sarath, S/o Venkata prabhakara Rao	2643	334	3.00	Pillutla
TOTAL				**19.96**	

The Enquiry Officer has finally reported that, the Out Sourcing Computer Operators Sri K. Anvesh and Sri M. Vijaya Raju are the key persons for all the above malpractices. Both of them have absconded from duty and they are not attending the office and also not attended for enquiry though prior intimation given over phone and recommended for criminal proceedings.

The Enquiry Officer opined that the following persons are responsible for all the above lapses accrued in Machavaram Mandal of Guntur District.

1. Sri G. Levi, Tahsildar, Machavaram (Retired) (Retired on 31.05.2021)
2. Sri K. Anvesh, Out Sourcing Computer Operator.
3. Sri M. Vijaya Raju, Out Sourcing Computer Operator.
4. Sri G. Koteswara Rao, VRO, Pillutla (I/C) and Morjampadu Village.
5. Sri T. Lakshmi Narayana, VRO, Tadutla (I/C) & Chennayapalem.
6. Sri B.Rama Rao, V.R.O., Akurajapalli Village.
7. Sri Sk.Abdul Nabi, V.R.O., Vemavaram Village.
8. Sri M. Pullaiah, V.R.O., Pinnelli village.

The Enquiry Officer has recommended for initiation of stringent action against all the above responsible persons. The Enquiry Officer has further enclosed one Annexure showing the details of irregular mutations/corrections took place which are to be restored to the original nature and classification of Sy. No. and extents by giving suitable directions to the Tahsildar, Machavaram Mandal for rectification of irregular corrections / mutations in web land.

Lapses against Sri G. Levi, Tahsildar, Retired:

1. He is responsible for irregular mutations/ corrections took place in Webland Adangal changing the names of the Pattadars or extents in Pillutla, Tadutla, Akurajapalli, Vemavaram, Pinnelli & Chennayapalem Villages of Machavaram Mandal during his tenure in Machavaram Mandal as FAC Tahsildar.
2. He is responsible for irregular mutations/ corrections took place for the lands existed in Government Lands in the above villages as pointed out by the Enquiry Officer.
3. He is responsible for addition of Sy. Nos. in Webland Adangal more than the Sy. Nos. existed in RSR in certain villages of Machavaram Mandal.
4. The Tahsildar is responsible for non maintenance of physical files for the modifications made in the Webland Adangal, though instructions were issued by the Dist. Administration time and again.
5. The deposition before the Enquiry Officer stating that he had no computer Knowledge deserves no consideration, as the said irregularities were done with his digital signature and bio metic authentication.

Lapses against the VROs of Pillutla, Tadutla, Akurajapalli, Vemavaram, Pinnelli & Chennayapalem Villages of Machavaram Mandal:

1. The Village Revenue Officers are responsible for irregular mutations/ corrections took place in Webland Adangal changing the names of the Pattadars or extents in Pillutla, Tadutla, Akurajapalli, Vemavaram, Pinnelli & Chennayapalem Villages of Machavaram Mandal.
2. They are also responsible for irregular mutation / correction in Webland Adangal for the lands existed in Government Lands in the above villages as pointed out by the Enquiry Officer.

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3. The VROs are responsible for addition of Sy. Nos. in Webland Adangal more than the Sy. Nos. existed in RSR in their villages of Machavaram Mandal.
4. Their deposition before the Enquiry Officer stating that the irregularities are done by the Tahsildar and Computer Operators deserves no consideration. The enquiry officer opined that, if their contention is correct, they should have brought the said irregularities to the notice of the next higher authorities and to the knowledge of the present Tahsildar before it comes into light through the adverse news.

Lapses against the Computer Operators:

1. The two computer operators are responsible for carrying out of online modification without any written proceedings or orders from the Tahsildar for the irregular changes made in the Webland Adangal for the Patta Lands.
2. The two computer operators are responsible for making corrections in Webland Adangal against the Government lands existed in certain Sy. Nos.
3. The two computer operators are solely responsible for porting the additional Sy. Nos. in Webland Adangal though they were not existed in original RSR of the respective Villages.
4. Both the computer operators are to be taken in to task of police custody for bringing the factum of all the irregularities that took place in webland Adangal.

Thus, Sri G.Levi, former Tahsildar(FAC), Machavaram now retired on superannuation on 31.05.2021, being a responsible Government Servant while worked as Tahsildar(FAC), Machavaram Mandal has failed in discharging his legitimate duties by making irregular mutations/corrections in the webland adangal and the above irregularities and exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a public servant in contravention of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. RAMARAO, FORMER VRO, TURAKAPALEM H/O AKURAJUPALLI VILLAGE SECRETARIAT OF MACHAVARAM MANDAL AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER(GRADE-II), PRATHIPADU-I VILLAGE SECRETARIAT OF PRATHIPADU MANDAL ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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ANNEXURE - IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. RAMARAO, FORMER VRO, TURAKAPALEM H/O AKURAJUPALLI VILLAGE SECRETARIAT OF MACHAVARAM MANDAL AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER(GRADE-II), PRATHIPADU-I VILLAGE SECRETARIAT OF PRATHIPADU MANDAL ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Tahsildar, Machavaram Mandal.

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